

Child Care Works (CCW) - Unserved, Eligible Families



	Under 5 years	Infants and toddlers
Eligible children*	230	150
Eligible children enrolled	54	19
Unserved, eligible children	176	131
	77% unserved	87% unserved
<i>Percent unserved in Oct 2019:</i>	<i>71% unserved</i>	<i>76% unserved</i>

ONLY **54%** of Child Care Works (CCW) children under five years are in high-quality programs

...and **<53%** of CCW infants and toddlers are in high-quality programs

79% of child care capacity in this district currently meets high-quality standards

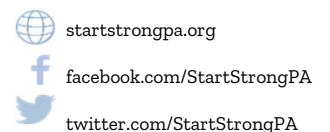
BENEFITS OF HIGH-QUALITY CHILD CARE

-  increased employment and tax revenue
-  increased job retention and productivity for employers
-  higher earning potential for parents
-  improved math and language ability
-  healthy development
-  reduced grade repetition

* The eligible child counts do not reflect the full impact of the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting economic downturn due to the delay in 2020 5-year American Community Survey (ACS) data.



Start Strong PA believes that because every child deserves an equal opportunity to a quality educational foundation that will prepare them to grow, learn, and succeed, we are calling on Pennsylvania to focus on the most important years of a child's development; the first three years of life. Data is provided by KIDS COUNT®: Pennsylvania Partnerships for Children



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	Under 5 years	Infants and toddlers
Eligible children*	200,730	119,020
Eligible children enrolled	39,752	19,227
Unserved, eligible children	160,978	99,793
	80% unserved	84% unserved
<i>Percent unserved in Oct 2019:</i>	<i>74% unserved</i>	<i>78% unserved</i>

ONLY 44%
of Child Care Works (CCW) children under five years are in high-quality programs



...and **ONLY 41%** of CCW infants and toddlers are in high-quality programs

Only **43%** of child care capacity in the state currently meets high-quality standards




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To accelerate access to high-quality child care for working parents, the Start Strong PA campaign asks state policymakers to support \$115 million in sustainable state/federal funding for a wage supplement for teachers and staff. This investment will provide an increase of \$2 per hour for child care professionals to retain the current workforce, reducing turnover which negatively impacts child development and results in classroom and program closures that disrupt families' ability to work.



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